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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch-dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface, comprising:
 - (a) an effective amount of a tacky component such that the formed covering element adheres to the surface, wherein the tacky component comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive comprising a (meth)acrylate polymer, further wherein the (meth)acrylate polymer is a copolymer of monomers comprising about 40 to about 100 weight percent of an alkyl (meth)acrylate and 0 to about 60 weight percent of a free radically copolymerizable monomer;
 - (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that upon application it undergoes phase separation from the tacky component such that an outer surface of the in situ formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry; and
 - (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)

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4. (Currently Amended) The fluid composition of claim 3 1, wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate comprises an alkyl moiety of 1 to 10 carbon atoms and the copolymerizable monomer comprises a functional group selected from carboxylic acid, carboxylic acid ester, hydroxyl, anhydride, epoxy, thiol, isocyanate, sulfonamide, urea, carbamate, carboxamide, amine, ammonium, oxy, oxo, nitro, nitrogen, sulfur, phosphate, phosphonate, cyano, and combinations thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The fluid composition of claim 2 1, wherein the tacky component comprising a copolymer derived from monomers comprising, based upon the total weight of the monomers, 40 to 100 weight percent of isooctyl (meth)acrylate, 0 to 60 weight percent of (meth)acrylamide, and 0 to 30 weight percent of vinyl acetate.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The fluid composition of claim 1~~ A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch-dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface, comprising:

- (a) an effective amount of a tacky component such that the formed covering element adheres to the surface, wherein the weight ratio of the tacky component to the non-tacky component is in the range from about 1:10 to about 10:1[[.]] ,
- (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that upon

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application it undergoes phase separation from the tacky component such that an outer surface of the in situ formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry; and

- (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The fluid composition of claim 10~~ A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch-dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface, comprising:

- (a) an effective amount of a tacky component such that the formed covering element adheres to the surface;
- (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that upon application it undergoes phase separation from the tacky component such that an outer surface of the in situ formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry; and
- (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface, [.] wherein the volatile solvent comprises isopropanol.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

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15. (Original) A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch- dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface comprising:

- (a) from about 1 to about 50 weight percent tacky component, wherein the tacky component comprises a pressures sensitive adhesive comprising a copolymer of monomers comprising about 40 to about 100 weight percent alkyl (meth)acrylate and 0 to about 60 weight percent of a free radically copolymerizable monomer coating a fluid composition onto a surface, wherein the composition comprises:
- (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that an outer surface of the in situ formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry, and wherein the weight ratio of the tacky phase to the non-tacky phase is in the range from 1:20 to 20:1; and
- (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The fluid composition of claim 1~~ A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch-dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface, comprising:

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- (a) an effective amount of a tacky component such that the formed covering element adheres to the surface;
- (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that upon application it undergoes phase separation from the tacky component such that an outer surface of the in situ formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry; and, further wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component comprises a polymer comprising at least one siloxane moiety and/or at least one fluorine containing moiety; and
- (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface.

19. (Currently Amended) The fluid composition of claim 1 A fluid composition suitable for in situ forming and adhering a touch-dry, non-tacky covering element onto a surface, comprising:

- (a) an effective amount of a tacky component such that the formed covering element adheres to the surface, wherein the tacky component comprises an acrylate pressure sensitive adhesive comprising a copolymer formed by copolymerizing about 60 to about 80 percent isooctyl acrylate, about 1 to about 10 percent acrylamide, and about 5 to about 30 percent vinyl acetate;
- (b) a film-forming, non-tacky component, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component comprises at least one low surface energy, surface seeking moiety, wherein said film-forming, non-tacky component is incompatible with the tacky component, and wherein the film-forming, non-tacky component is present in an effective amount such that upon application it undergoes phase separation from the tacky component such that an outer surface of the in situ

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formed covering element is non-tacky when the covering element is touch dry;

and

- (c) a sufficient amount of at least one volatile solvent such that the fluid composition has a coatable viscosity allowing the fluid composition to be coated onto said surface.

20. (new) A fluid composition as in claims 9, 11, 15, or 18 in which the tacky component comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive comprising a (meth)acrylate polymer.

21. (new) A fluid composition as in claims 1, 9, 11, or 15 in which the film-forming, non-tacky component comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of a cellulosic polymer, a siloxane containing polymer, a polyvinylacetate, a polymethyl(meth)acrylate, a fluorinated polymer, a fluorosilicone polymer, a styrene-butadiene rubber, a polyurethane, a vinyl copolymer, a polyolefin, a polyamide, a polyimide, a polyamideimide, a polyester, and combinations of these.

22. (new) A fluid composition as in claims 1, 9, 15, or 18 in which the volatile solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, acetone, isopropanol, or a combination thereof.

23. (new) A fluid composition as in claims 1, 9, 11, 15, or 18 further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmacologically active agent.